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**Pioneer Village**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Antique Tractor Show**

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# 2011: Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

In 1962, Mauri Williamson held the first Pioneer Village display in a vacant room, upstairs in the “old” grandstand on the southside of the fairgrounds. In the years since, we have moved, expanded, added buildings, and evolved into a vintage farmstead, complete with a corn crib, the Williamson Pin Frame Barn, a school building, multiple shops and displays in Possum Holler, and great exhibits of tools and machinery used by farmers a century or more ago. Even though Mauri had a vision of what Pioneer Village could be, we are sure he would admit that he had no idea it would develop into the wonderful, exciting project that it is today. Thanks to his vision and the great work of hundreds of individuals, Pioneer Village is one of the most important, focal points of the Great Indiana State Fair. It is a project unrivaled in the United States and has won accolades throughout the country by visitors from other Fairs and organizations.



**While 2011 is the “Year of Soybeans”, main emphasis in Pioneer Village will be on our 50th Anniversary Celebration!**

We have had a lot of great comments about the arrangement of tractors the past couple of years. We will again follow a similar plan, although we have yet to completely develop it. However, we do plan to emphasize the 1962 tractors, so if you have one in your barn or shop be sure to bring it along this year.

This year, you will see major changes around the village. An increasingly number of our spectators are now several generations removed from the farm. Wayne Dillman and his helpers have done an excellent job of educating people who stop to watch and listen to the “goings on” out in the demonstration area. Many of our artisans inside the building have also done a great job explaining their crafts when people stopped to watch or asked questions.

On the other hand, we have often heard people pointing to different items and asking “what is that thing” or “what is that used for?” If one of us overheard it, we would try to answer the question. We also know many times there may not have been a Pioneer Village worker near to overhear the question in order to answer it.

One of our main objectives through the years has been agriculture education, and this year we plan to put an even greater emphasis on education. Sincere thanks to a committee of several hard working people in this new effort, headed up by

Judee Sweet, also affectionately known as “Buckeye”. The targeted audiences are children and/or young adults. People and/or interactive displays will help to answer many of their questions in a fun new way.

As you enter the main building from the south door, the first thing you will see is the Conestoga Wagon, complete with campfire and benches for people to sit on. This area has been dubbed the “Campfire Theater”. Each day there will be an artisan or artisans of the day stationed in that area to demonstrate their craft and to answer questions of the people who stop to listen. Our plan is to have the schedule decided well ahead of the fair to be included in the printed daily State Fair program.

We will be preparing several new signs which explain different artifacts, their use, activity occurring in Pioneer Village, etc. For example, during the Threshers’ Dinner many visitors going through the building don’t understand why this group of people are sitting at a dining room table eating. We plan to have an interpreter there who will talk about the Threshers’ Dinner and what it represents. Signs will show the daily menu as well as explain the dinner. Now they will know what it is all about!

The various demonstration areas inside the building will be rearranged to put similar crafts together in an orderly fashion. For example, the looms, wool spinners, Mary and her sewing machine, the rug hookers, and quilters will be grouped together.

The machinery field will be rearranged to open it up and make it more conducive for people to go from one demonstration to another. People like to see the sawmill and threshing machine in operation, but then tend to drift off. We want to make it easier for them to see the rest of the demonstrations in that area.

We plan to put together a display in the area across the sidewalk from the demonstration field that will replicate the very first Pioneer Village display. Many of the artifacts which were on display that very first year (1962) along with pictures of the display will be featured. Also in that same area we will emphasize how donations to our Foundation are used. The Silver King tractor and the Doctor’s Buggy are 2 examples of restoration which were brought about by generous donations to the Foundation. It is important for our donors to see how their money has been spent. Perhaps this will result in additional donations to the Foundation in order for us to carry on more restoration projects.

Finally, we also want to emphasize education in the antique tractor show. We will pick a tractor of the day everyday of the fair and place it in a special area to be on display. We ask that the owner of the tractor be there that day to talk to visitors about his tractor, the origin of the tractor, any restoration details, and that particular brand of tractors. That tractor will also be featured in the daily evening parade.

## Entry Information

**The deadline for registration this year is July 1st.** As in the past the entry fee is \$30.00 and may include up to 2 tractors per entry form. A maximum of 2 tractors will be accepted from any one address.

**If an entry form is postmarked July 2nd through July 30th a late fee of \$50.00 (plus the \$30.00 entry fee) will be charged. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER July 31, 2011.**

## The Participation Plaque

Once again we are presenting a beautiful plaque to a tractor exhibitor. A committee will determine the winner, based on the exhibitor's dedication to presenting their tractor in an attractive and explicit fashion and in keeping with the theme. In addition the committee will be looking for an individual or family who embraces the spirit of the Pioneer Village, is active in the many activities of the organization and is a great representative of the agriculture profession.

The presentation will be made at the tractor exhibitor's hog roast on Saturday, August 20th.

## Tractor Signage

We know that many of you save the signs that we prepare for you from year to year. If you are planning to exhibit the same tractor as you did last year and your sign is in good shape, please bring it with you. This will save us the expense of preparing a new one. Please indicate on your entry form if you can use the same sign as last year.

## Farmers' Day Tractor Parade Change...

Join friends and family for the "Pioneer Village 50th Anniversary Tractor Parade" on **Sunday, August 14 at 1pm** at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand! This new weekend date was chosen to honor this big celebration of the much loved Pioneer Village. What better way to salute our past than a parade of time honored tractors!

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# Terms and Conditions

## For the Antique Tractor Show (including the Daily Parades)

**1. Your entry must be postmarked no later than July 1st.**

2. You are limited to 2 tractors per address. You may show them both or one for you and one for your wife or child. The entry fee of \$30 is for each individual entrant, not the number of tractors. You will receive six one day passes and a parking tag. Additional tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$5.00 each - limit 30.

3. Tractors must be a 1978 model or older. Garden tractors, homemade, or highly modified machines may not be entered. We prefer that any tractor newer than 1970 be a large one.

4. You may bring towed implements or wagons, but please no huge bulky ones. These tools will be parked in a separate area. If you have a mounted tool on your tractor, you may be parked somewhere other than in the regular parking areas unless the total length is less than the average tractor.

5. Each tractor driver must have a valid driver's license.

**6. Absolutely no passengers are allowed on the tractor in the Pioneer Village 50th Anniversary Parade (AKA: Farmers' Day Parade) unless it contains a second seat.** Remember, **SAFETY FIRST**, at all times.

**7. PLEASE, NO TRACTORS PRIOR TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd. DO NOT BRING TRACTORS ON THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FAIR AS NO ONE WILL BE THERE TO CHECK YOU IN! Bringing your tractor early will not guarantee you a special spot as the Tractor show staff reserve the right to assign all parking spots.** We plan to arrange the tractors in a manner to show them off to their best advantage and to tell a story about the evolution of the farm tractor.

8. Enter gate 10 off of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Drive to the Pioneer Village area to unload. Remove your truck or trailer from the immediate area as soon as you are unloaded. If you intend to leave your truck or trailer at the Fairgrounds, you must take it to the 46<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot for safe storage. Be sure to have your tractor on the grounds by Thursday evening, August 4th.

9. Check in with a member of the tractor show staff when you arrive to learn where you are to park your tractor.

10. At times it may be necessary for us to move your tractor, so be sure to leave a key and any special starting information with one of the staff. Only experienced drivers will be allowed to move any tractor.

11. You are encouraged to participate in the evening parade whenever possible. John Stegemoller and Tom Lyle are the parade marshals and will lead the parade. In order to keep the traffic problems and air pollution to a minimum, **do not start your tractor or move it out of your parking space until you are called.**

12. While on the parade route be especially watchful for children and pedestrians. **Please do not throw candy!** The crowding is fearsome and people just don't understand the danger of a clumsy old tractor. Keep the ranks closed in the parade. We have lots of tractors to get through in the short time allotted. This also helps to keep people from walking in front of your tractor.

13. Sunday, August 21st will be the final day of the Fair. Our guests that day are entitled to see the entire fair, **no tractors may be removed prior to 9:00 PM.** **Park your truck/trailer in the 46th Street parking lot** and load your tractors in that area. We will have a complete staff of people available on Monday after the Fair, so you may prefer to wait until then to take your tractor home.

14. Plan to participate in the Veterans Parade at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 18th. All of us will be on hand to honor those who have served or are currently serving our Country.

15. We have several groups that have floats to be pulled in the Daily Parades. If you would like to pull one of them, please contact John Stegemoller as he will be handling the project.

16. It is agreed that the Indiana State Fair Board assumes no liability for loss of property or by reason of any claim for personal injury, including death. We herein release, discharge and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Indiana, Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission and their component members, officers, employees and/or successors from all claims and suits, including court costs, attorney fees and other expenses caused jointly or solely by an act or omission of contestant from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including each death, which may occur within or upon the Indiana State Fairgrounds in any manner connected with the use thereof by this entry.

17. We highly recommend that you have insurance to cover you and your tractor in case of an accident.